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MaryAnn Hanusa, Candidate for Auditor



MaryAnn Hanusa is running for Pottawattamie County Auditor. She used to work for President George W Bush, Senator Grassley, and retired from the Iowa legislature in 2021. She currently is the Director of Development at Children’s Square U.S.A. in Council Bluffs.

Children’s Square U.S.A. is a 9 ½ acre campus and is a nationally accredited child welfare and behavioral health non-profit serving vulnerable children, youth, and families.

A massive Missouri River flood in 1881 caused great trauma and devastation without agencies to help out. Rev. JG Lemon, a pastor at the CB Baptist Church asked his congregation to help families in CB by bringing food, furniture, etc. to assist those in need.

Right before Christmas in 1882, three little girls were dropped off with the Pastor because the parents couldn’t care for them. The father knew what the church was doing for the community. Word spread and then more children arrived.

The pastor organized the Home of the Friendless Association in March 1883, which eleven years later was reincorporated as the Christian Home, and then later became Children’s Square. For 90 years, it was an orphanage. Many children were adopted out and others were held for care until their parents could pick them up later. They now offer foster care and various other services now.

Children’s Square became very well-known early in all 50 states and Canada because they had a printing press and sent out newsletters.

Children’s Square is based on a profound scriptural belief. There is no refusal of any child and no discrimination, which is now a federal

law, but Rev. Lemon was ahead of his time and became well known.

In the late 60’s, Children’s Square saw lots of changes in kids– abuse and other situations that kids had. By the late 60-70’s Children’s Square was no longer considered an orphanage and pivoted to more individualized care.

There is an emergency shelter on campus where police will take kids out of harm’s way to be sheltered for a temporary time until the kids can be cared for properly. They have residential treatment for kids under 17 that have behavior problems or a mental health prognosis. The kids learn skills for 3 months in how to deal with their problems, but families are coached along with the child. In addition, there are wrap-around programs with behavior or other health needs.

Some special facts:

1. 85% of the \$10 million budget is raised from private contributions and the federal government.
2. Congressman Jim Ross Lightfoot was adopted from Children’s Square U.S.A.
3. Children’s Square is older than Boy’s Town. It has one original building on campus from 1913 but has been renovated several times.

Thanks to Kathy Luedke for taking notes!

Next week’s Program:

Byron Menke, Menke Auction

FAMOUS QUOTE

“The best way to cheer yourself is to try to cheer someone else up.”

Mark Twain

Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg called the meeting to order. Eighteen members were present.

Visitors today: Charley Johnson and MaryAnn Hanusa

The group recited the pledge and Dee Guttau gave the prayer.

Jokes: Dale Willenborg, Jordan Campbell, and Steve Chambers

50/50: Gary Guttau

Attendance Award: Gary Guttau (Yes, he won both!)

Birthdays/Anniversaries: None

Bragging Rights: (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Ken Graham attended his 60th Tri-Center class reunion.
- Dick Fox attended the Everly Brother's free concert from Nashville held in Shenandoah.
- Dick reports 2 inches of rain Thursday and over 7 inches for the month of August. He has some green bean plants that are 8 ft. tall.
- Jordan Campbell stated a non-brag that his oldest son broke his collar bone for the third time in practice on the same side of his body.
- Gary Guttau bragged on the Treynor Cardinals beating the St. Albert Falcons in football.
- Dale Willenborg attended the Treynor Superintendent Group's Input Meeting. Pre-school was discussed. This is a monthly meeting held on the last Friday of every month. He said to check Niche.com for Treynor school rankings. We have high rankings for Best School and Best Place to Teach.
- Bill Vorthmann bragged about the Treynor's Tomorrows' community meeting held last Thursday.

Business:

- Can Kennel sorting is happening today (Sat) at 9:15 to help St. Paul Youth and they had already started this morning.
- Flags will be put out today (Sat). The Boy Scouts are helping the Optimists.

Community Events this week (In Treynor)

- Mon., Sept. 2: Labor Day – No School
- Fri., Sept. 6: Varsity FB vs. TC @ Treynor

- Fri., Sept. 6: 5:30 PM – St. Paul Lutheran Church tailgate party for all before game

Other events announced (not in Treynor):

- Jim Jennings funeral today (Sat.) Star BB player in Treynor. Graduated from Treynor in '61, Peru in '66
- Thurs., Sept. 5: Treynor JV FB vs TC at TC.
- Sun., Sept. 15: Wine Splash 2-5PM at Bella Terre, Glenwood

Other: Dick Fox brought cucumbers for anyone to take.

There being no further business, the pledge was stated and the meeting adjourned.

HUMOR

**Pre- means before,
and post- means
after. Using both at
the same time would
be preposterous.**

CALENDAR

Events:

Birthdays

Sept 1	Joshua Guttau
Sept 16	John Klein
Sept 22	Dee Guttau

Anniversaries:

Sept 24	Phil & Jan Waggoner
Sept 26	Bill & Ann Vorthmann

Programs:

Sept	Jim Clausen (first two) Bill Vorthmann (last two)
Oct	Gary Guttau
Nov	Jordan Campbell (first three) Jerry Hempel (last two)
Dec	Mick and Judy Guttau

Speakers

Sept 7	Byron Menke, Menke Auction
Sept 14	Vicki Dowling – Part 2 – Treynor History Memories
Sept 21	Russ Maguire – CPR
Sept 28	TBA